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Naples, May 12.

ON the 8th Inſtant at Night came in Captain Falkingham of the Orford Man of War, with the Prince of Lobcowitz, who went away immediately Expreſs for Vienna, to carry the News of the Marqueſs de Lede's having ſigned the Convention for the Suſpenſion of Arms and Evacuation of Sicily and Sardinia. On the 10th Inſtant came in the Dunkirk Captain Hamilton, and To-Day the Newcaſtle Captain Miles.

Stockholm, May 14, *O. S.* Admiral Norris, with the Britiſh Fleet under his Command and ſeveral Merchant Ships, arrived at Elſnab on the 12th Inſtant, to the great Joy of this Country. The ſame Day he came to this Place, and the Queen having Notice of it immediately ſent an Expreſs to the King, who was then with the Army at Gaſle; whereupon his Majeſty returned hither, and this Afternoon the Lord Carteret with the Admiral and Mr. Finch waited on his Majeſty, by whom the Admiral was very graciouſly received. He has ſince had a Conference with the Admiral of the Swediſh Fleet, and intends to return on board To-Morrow, in order to go and cruiſe in the Stations agreed upon.

Berlin, June 1, *N. S.* The King of Pruſſia having finiſhed the Review on the 28th paſt, of the Garriſon and other Regiments which were ordered hither, ſet out the next Day for Potſdam; and will begin his Journey for Cleves on the 5th Inſtant, to view the Forces in thoſe Quarters.

Whitehall, May 30.

The Anſwer of the General Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland, met at Edinburgh on the 12th Inſtant, to His Majeſty's moſt Gracious Letter.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE beg Leave to return your Majeſty our moſt humble and thankful Acknowledgments for the Honour of your Gracious Letter to us, and your Royal Favour in countenancing our Meeting; and that your Majeſty is pleaſed to take Notice of our firm Adherence to thoſe Principles upon which the Safety of your Government and Happineſs of your Subjects do mutually depend, and of the Unanimity and Moderation of former Aſſemblies, heightens the Satisfaction we have in the Performance of theſe Duties, to which we own our ſelves bound by the ſtrongeſt Obligations.

It hath afforded a moſt ſenſible Pleaſure to the Miniſters and Members of this Church, to hear of your Majeſty's Chriſtian and Zealous Concern for the Proteſtants abroad, in Oppoſition to the Invaſions of Popery; and your Majeſty's kind Intimation in your Gracious Letter, that you have ſome things under your Royal Conſideration at this Time, which may very much contribute to the preventing of the Growth of Popery in this Land, affects us with the deepeſt Senſe of Gratitude, and we hope though the Means hitherto uſed have not been attended with the deſired Succeſs, that by the Bleſſing of God upon your Majeſty's wiſe Counſels and ſteddy Conduct, this growing Evil will be effectually remedied, to the Joy of all your Majeſty's good Subjects who are zealouſly concerned for the flouriſhing of true Religion and Quiet of your Majeſty's Government.

It is an unexpreſſible Satisfaction to us to have ſo great Encouragement to exert ourſelves to the utmoſt for obtaining thoſe great Ends, the promoting of true Religion, and the ſuppreſſing of Vice and Immorality, that your Majeſty has recommended them to us as things you have moſt at Heart.

We intirely rely upon the Aſſurances given us, that your Majeſty will be always ready to promote the Intereſt, and inviolably maintain the Rights and Privileges of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

We embrace it as a real Proof of your Majeſty's kind Regard to this Church that you have made Choice of the Earl of Rothes to repreſent your Royal Perſon in this Aſſembly; his many Services to your Majeſty, and known Abilities for ſuch an high Truſt, together with his conſtant Zeal for the Proteſtant Intereſt, and hearty Concern for our Church, renders him moſt acceptable to us.

That your Majeſty may be long preſerved as a ſignal Bleſſing to your People and all the Reformed Intereſt; that the ſame good Succeſs may ſtill attend all your glorious Endeavours for the Safety and Happineſs of your Subjects, and the Peace of Chriſtendom, with which hitherto they have been wonderfully bleſt of God; that all divine Bleſſings may be plentifully beſtowed upon their Royal Highneſſes the Prince and Princeſs of Wales and their Royal Iſſue, and that after a long and happy Life upon Earth you may be crowned with immortal Glory, are the moſt fervent Prayers of,

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's moſt faithful, moſt obedient and moſt loyal Subjects.

The Miniſters and Elders met in this General Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Preſence, in our Name, and at our Appointment, by

Edinb. May 14, 1720. *William Hamilton*, Moderator.

Whitehall, June 3.

On the 30th paſt Sir Robert Sutton His Majeſty's Ambaſſadour Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the moſt Chriſtian King, ſet out for Paris.

Cuſtom-Houſe, London, May 12, 1720.

The Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms being well informed, that great Quantities of Goods which are imported by or on the proper Account and Riſque of Foreigners Aliens to this Kingdom, are entred at the Cuſtom-Houſe by ſeveral of His Majeſty's Britiſh Subjects, as well thoſe who are Freemen of the City of London as others, and the Duties due and payable to His Majeſty for ſuch Goods are paid only as if imported by and on the Account of His Majeſty's Natural Born Subjects, or of Perſons Naturalized, to the great Diminution of His Majeſty's Revenue, and to the Detriment of the fair Merchants: And whereas by ſeveral Acts of Parliament it is provided, That if any Perſon ſhall Cuſtom any Goods or Merchandize of any Stranger or Denizen, whereby the King loſeth his Cuſtom, Subſidy, or other his Right or Duty, ſuch Perſon will not only forfeit and loſe the Goods or Merchandize ſo Cuſtomed, and the Value thereof, but alſo forfeit and loſe all his own Goods and Chattels Perſonal for ever, one Moiety of which Forfeiture to be to His Majeſty, and the other Moiety to him or them that will ſue for the ſame: Of which this Notice is given, that no Perſon may through Ignorance incur the aforeſaid Forfeitures. And the ſaid Commiſſioners do hereby further give Notice, That if any Perſon or Perſons will give them, or the Principal Officers of the Cuſtoms in any Port, Information of the before-mentioned Frauds, ſo as the Perſons concerned therein may be proſecuted and convicted, he or they ſhall have and receive for his or their Encouragement, the Officers Shares of what ſhall be recovered, after the Charges of Proſecution are deducted. 1 Hen. 8, Ca. 5. 2 & 3 Ed. 6. Ca. 22.

The Court of Directors of the South Sea Company give Notice, That all Perſons poſſeſſed of any of the ſaid Company's Bonds which fall due on the 25th Inſtant, may then have their Money for the ſame of the Company's Caſhier, after which Time the Intereſt on the ſaid Bonds will ceaſe and determine. They likewiſe give Notice, That the next or ſecond Payment for the 2,250,000 l. South Sea Stock, lately ſold by the ſaid Company by Subſcription (after the Rate of 300 l. for each Hundred Pound Stock) is to be made on the 14th Inſtant; and that if any Perſons ſhall make Default in the ſaid Payment, they forfeit their firſt Payment. They further give Notice, That the Bonds which fall due as aforeſaid, will be taken in on the ſaid ſecond Payment for the Stock

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